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RAYNOLDS WILL PLEAD ON CHARGES TOMORROW

Tomorrow is the day set for Louie Reynolds, the goat of the system, to plead "guilty or not guilty" before the superior court in Holbrook.

Many conjectures are rife as to the tactics to be employed by the defense at the hearing tomorrow.

A big wow wow of all the various units of the system is being held in Albuquerque today—and it is believed by those in a position to judge that a settlement of some kind will be reached in order to save the system the chagrin of having their dirty linen hung up for the inspection of the many customers of the system in the southwest.

It is an established custom of the system to centralize on one victim

in order to avoid trotting out to the public gaze the real culprits in the background.

Many propositions for a settlement along the lines of "getting the most for their money" have been discussed—but nothing definite has been reached so far—and the nearer the system gets to the bar of justice and a grand jury—the more probable are the chances for them to liquidate.

It is believed by those who know of the big volume of criminal evidence gathered against several of the conspirators that they will come across—if for no other reason than to temper the court in case they stand in the dock to "pay the penalty."

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS IMPORTANT SESSION

The city council met in special session Thursday afternoon. Trustees Cooley, Chamberlain, Flannigan and Scorse were present, and they waded right into things and cleaned up the calendar.

All the bids that were received at the January meeting for the installation of a water and sewer system were rejected, and the bonds and certified checks accompanying them were ordered returned to the bidders.

New specifications will be presented at the next regular meeting in March—specifications that will specify something when the matter will be taken up and disposed of—in a manner, judging from the attitude of those present, that will be satisfactory to the majority of the citizens interested.

Councilman Chamberlain was of the opinion that so long as the bonds were voted and interest accruing, that it was "time to go" on the construction of the system, and it was the consensus of opinion that at the March session definite action will be taken on the matter and plans formulated for the actual laying of dirt on the work.

A motion was made and carried for the clerk to notify the engineer to have the revised specifications ready for the meeting of March 9th, in compliance with the changes suggested.

The bid of Frank Whitten was accepted for the laying of the sidewalk along Porter street and the work ordered done.

The marshal was instructed to serve Julius Wetzler with a forty-eight hour notice to fill up and remove the hole in the sidewalk in front of the Holbrook Mercantile building near the telephone office.

On motion of Chamberlain ten loads of gravel were ordered to repair Santiago street.

The bill for the street lighting was also for the installation was ordered held up until more light was shed on them.

WHAT'S DOING IN THE LEGISLATURE

The omnibus good roads bill was given the approval of the senate after the amendments or the committee on appropriations had been shorn away, leaving the bill in its original form except for minor amendments made in the whole committee, and carrying the total appropriation at first proposed, \$975,000. At one stage the total had been increased by some misunderstanding to \$1,050,000, and no doubt that could have been maintained if the matter had been pursued.

The appropriations committee had reduced the total appropriation to \$500,000 and had cut down the continuing appropriation to 5 cents instead of 10 cents. A minority report had favored the original bill, but neither report had been acted upon by the senate.

The first and only test of strength came when the item appropriating \$200,000 for the Miami-Superior highway was reached. After some indecisive viva voce and rising voting, a roll call was taken and the friends and enemies of the bill found themselves lined up as follows:

Ayes—Claypool, Curtin, Eddy, Larson, Lines, McMillan, Saunders, Schleimer, Scott, Mr. President—10.

Nays—Cull, Goodell, Hedrick, Morgan, Sims, Stoddard, Woodward—7.

All other items of the bill were agreed to without division as follows:

\$50,000 for the road from Holbrook to Lupton, near the New Mexico line.

\$25,000 for the roads and bridges between Williams and Ash Fork.

\$50,000 for the road between Geronimo and Solomonville.

\$75,000 for the road between Clifton and the New Mexico line.

\$100,000 for the road between Phoenix and the Yuma county line.

\$100,000 for the bridge over the Colorado on the Arrowhead trail.

\$75,000 for necessary concrete bridges on the Tucson-Nogales highway.

\$50,000 for paving, beginning at Nogales, running northward to the Tucson-Nogales highway.

\$50,000 for road and bridges between Ash Fork and the Mohave county line and \$25,000 for the completion of the Prescott-Jerome highway.

\$100,000 for the road and bridges between Yuma and the Maricopa county line.

The bill has an emergency clause and there is some doubt whether that can be carried through but the friends of the bill believe that the required majority may be secured. Dr. Sims, however, intimated that it will be necessary for them to be prepared with the votes of two-thirds of the membership of the senate.

By Mr. Scott, to provide for cooperative agricultural extension work between the counties and the University of Arizona. It provides for the creation of the county farm bureau as a public corporation rather than a mere voluntary, unofficial association. Ten per cent of the citizens may form a temporary organization and may be prepared to accept fees, gifts and bequests. The organization then may present a financial budget to the board of supervisors and the budget shall be spread upon the tax roll and taxes may be levied for this purpose, not in excess of \$5000 or not less than \$2000. The state shall make appropriation to meet every dollar of each bureau up to \$2000. Plans for the expenditure of the money for the use of the bureau, however raised for extension work, must be presented to the board of supervisors and to the board of regents of the university not later than Dec. 10 of each year.

By Mr. Claypool, providing for the appointment of a scoutmaster for each county, the appointment to be made by the board of supervisors. The state shall make an allowance of \$50 a month to each scoutmaster, and for that purpose an appropriation of \$8400 is made.

The committee of education reported on the nomination of E. W. Hudson to be a member of the board of regents, recommending his confirmation. Under the rule, that matter went over until today.

The next to the last step was taken by the senate with reference to senate bill 63, which has been the subject of fierce dispute. That is a bill proposing an amendment to the constitution permitting the issuance of bonds for roads and other public improvements to 4 per cent of the taxable valuation of the state. Dr. Sims renewed his motion for the limitation to 2 per cent and that was agreed to, and the bill was sent to the committee on style, revision and compilation.

Several new bills were introduced in the house as follows:

House bill 126, by Mr. Neal, to declare wild horses and burros public nuisances and ordering their destruction.

House bill 127, by Mr. Kimball, fixing the levy for the support or the university at 16 cents on each \$100.

House bill 128, by Mr. McCullough, a revival of the old "Kinney bill," forbidding the employment of deaf and dumb persons and those who cannot understand and speak the English language in hazardous occupations.

House bill 129, by Mr. Jones, prohibiting the use of tobacco by teachers in the public schools and for the purposes of the bills, defining the university and normal schools as public schools.

House bill 130, by Mr. Philpitt, amending the law with reference to the declaration of homesteads and providing for the notification of creditors.

The following bills were passed by the house on third reading: The

bill to permit absentee voting; the bill providing for the distribution of supreme court reports; the bill authorizing the investment of sinking funds and the bill for the taxation of sales of gasoline. Mr. Scott's senate joint resolution for the investigation of a site for a girls' industrial school also was passed.

MYTHOLOGY STUDENT GETS A SETBACK

Once upon a time, Ala Baba was watching his pigs industriously rooting. Clifford King came along and asked: "Why do those pigs root so?" Ala Baba replied: "Cliff, them pigs root to prevent introspection. The success of a pig in life hangs on his ability to forget the fact that he is a pig; so them pigs, being wise, are losing themselves in useful effort."

And an overzealous editor, believing that what he desires will come true, might be excused on the same grounds as Ala Baba's pigs.

A prospective oil magnate and get-rich-quick Texan came into the News office last week with the fever, and wanted to know where all the oil wells were located that were now drilling.

We gave him the location of the Holbrook, Adamana, Zuni, Black Canyon and Pinto, and he went up in the air, and said:

"I been reading your paper and according to your own statements you should have just 52 wells drilling and about a score of outfits on the way to drill—and the town slopping over with geologists, experts and investors holding down the lid."

And on being informed that he was in the right town but the wrong pew, he went on his way rooting for the fountain head of Arizona oil information.

SIX CHEVROLETS IN HOCK FOR TAXES

When the Chevrolet slump struck the Holbrook branch of the General Motors Acceptance Company that accepted orders for the Chevrolet in Holbrook—and their business was running in low gear, they accepted a contract with the Santa Fe to tow them back to the home office all the way—and the unsold Lizzies, six of them, were herded into a car on the Santa Fe track—ready to go back, and everything looked lovely for the elopement of the said Lizzies from a stagnant and unappreciative market.

But, in the multiplication of complications that arose in making their getaway, they snubbed County Assessor Shumway, and in their haste to fly never said good bye—"What is our bill for being stored up in Holbrook?" or anything else that should have been said, and just to show the said Lizzies' chaperons that he is on the job, he tucked a notice on the departing Lizzies' special car that said "You are hereby held for taxes in the sum of \$100.31; and if the said chaperons do not come through by the 17th of February he will hold a bargain sale of Chevrolets on that day—and they came through.

A famous scientist claims to have a scheme to beat the grim reaper out of his toll—but none of the many devices to beat the tax man have ever been put over successfully.

This is the only "buzz wagon" outfit in Holbrook that never could see the necessity of advertising—and it is the only one that we know of that has "turned up its toes to the cactus" and had its corpse attached just for living in the county.

WINSLOW JUDGE JARRED LOOSE

The Winslow Justice of Peace scrap is still holding the boards in the superior court with no signs of abatement.

J. L. Sweeney appeared before Judge Crosby last Saturday to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt in not turning up appearances of the office as well as the cognomen over to Walton.

Attorney O'Sullivan of Phoenix appeared for Sweeney and it was agreed that a motion for a new trial would be made before Judge Bollinger, who put the skids under Sweeney, and if he is still of the same opinion when O'Sullivan gets through with him—the case will be appealed by defendants to the supreme court.

In the meantime Walton has started in to try over again the cases decided by Sweeney, and when Sweeney regains his equilibrium as a judge he will probably touch up the Walton cases—in this way Walton will repudiate Sweeney and Sweeney will repudiate Walton. And the litigants in the Winslow court in the meantime will be given rain checks for the next umpire instead of judgments that will stick.

THINGS DOING IN THE HOLBROOK OIL FIELD

THE ADAMANA
Work at the Adamana is progressing and every foot of new hole is interesting to the drillers. The formation is unchanged and there is free oil showings in every bailing.

HOLBROOK OIL

Announced plans of the Holbrook Oil Company have not yet been made public, awaiting the arrival of Manager Jack Marden, who, has lately been in conference with company geologists and backers, and for the past few days has been transacting business in connection with the future plans of the company.

It is a confident belief, as evidenced by public opinion as well as the attitude of the management of this company, that the Holbrook will more than justify the expectations induced by the showing that has been made. We stated in a former issue that underreaming had been in progress and whether the well is shot at the present depth to ascertain the content of the strata, or whether it is decided to continue deeper, this preliminary work must be accomplished as water was encountered after the original placing of the eight inch casing.

GOSSIPY GOSSIP FROM AROUND THE TOWN

Enoch Williams, deputy sheriff of Winslow, was in town Saturday.

W. B. Woods of the Postal Telegraph Company was in Winslow Monday on business.

County Attorney Greer and W. E. Ferguson were in St. Joseph Thursday on professional business.

P. W. O'Sullivan, one of the prominent legal lights of the state, was here last Saturday as counsel for Sweeney in the J. P. of W. case.

W. J. Hennessey, formerly secretary of the Adamana is now located in Granite, Oklahoma, where he is identified with the oil industry.

Judge Sapp returned from Bisbee Wednesday where he was in attendance at the Masonic Grand Lodge. He was elected senior grand warden of the grand lodge of Masons.

Ed. Greer, county attorney of Apache county, was here this week on legal business. He will be associated with County Attorney Greer in the Reynolds system trial.

Luke D. Smith, a former employee of the L. B. Putney Co., has returned to Holbrook and resumed his old position as accountant for that company.

The Holbrook High School Dramatic Club presented "The Merchant of Venice" to a good sized audience last night. The young actors acquitted themselves with credit.

Joe Prochaska, state game warden and also a member of the advisory council of Arizona for the Boy Scouts, was in Holbrook Monday rejuvenating interest in that order.

Mayor Lee left Monday for Los Angeles where he will recuperate from the effects of a bad cold, under the care of the physicians of the Santa Fe Hospital.

A newspaper reporter claims the discovery of a sure way to tell a woman's age. In nipping cold weather, if she's under twenty-five her cheeks go red. If she's over twenty-five it's her nose.

Mrs. Virginia Goode, stenographer for the Adamana Oil and Land company, and Hugh D. O. Hammond of the Indian service at the Navajo reservation were married at Keams Canyon last week.

A bill is in the legislature to prohibit the use of tobacco by school teachers and principals. As the bad boy says: "They'll have something to chew about anyway, and it might as well be tobacco."

Mrs. W. B. Woods and sons left last week for Los Angeles, where they will spend some time, and while there the eldest son will take the examination for entrance to West Point.

Don't overlook the ad of the Holbrook Traders on the eighth page. They are spudding in a new price on potatoes this week as well as many other necessities.

The Ladies Aid had a very well attended meeting at the church Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. M. P. Cousins and Mrs. J. M. Lee were in charge. All the ladies are very busy getting ready for the bazaar which will be held next month.

Tax Collector Lore has so far collected about \$10,000 in back taxes for the county—and the "slow boys" are gaining speed every day in the direction of the court house. \$1075 was collected from one Winslow merchant this week who had overlooked the tax collector for many years.

Just because a man happens to run a newspaper is not sufficient reason that he should foist on a

patient public all his grievances and disappointments, and whine around like a kindergarten kid with a sore toe. If he wants to bawl and whine—and can't help it that's his business—but the public soon weary of crepe and tears that go down the other fellows mug. Cheer up, cherries will soon be ripe.

One By one the Petals Fall

Deputy Ains, who conducted the kitchenette for the Reynolds system was given a farewell shower last Saturday in honor of his getaway for California, and the pathos of the parting was intensified by the rudeness of the tax collector who demanded his pound of meat after the granola and kitchen utensils were nailed up ready to go. This makes three shocking interruptions, by officious officials, of the plans of prominent society lions who were on their way to new pastures, new conquests and new accounts.

ARIZONA WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Pearce—Over 100 miners working on leasing plan at Commonwealth mine.

Phoenix—Western part of state gets needed rain.

Nogales—Work on Fairbanks-Nogales highway to be started.

Douglas—Permanent auto state line to Cochise planned.

Chandler—To hold \$2,000,000 bond election for construction of Auxiliary Eastern Canal Irrigation district.

Mesa—Arizona Homes Company opens local office, building program planned.

Douglas—Repair work on road to Leslie Canyon to be started at once.

Wilcox—Eastern capital to develop Kelly property in Miller Canyon on big scale.

Globe—One of the largest and most beautiful caves in state discovered in Indian Canyon country.

Tucson—License granted Co-operative Bank & Trust Co. of Tucson.

Phoenix orders repair of street railway tracks.

Casa Grande—Aeolian Mining Company has big showing of low grade ore, further development planned.

Glendale manual training building to be added to local high school.

Phoenix—Substantial reduction in freight rates on cement from California anticipated.

Casa Grande—Newly organized investment and building company planning construction of big warehouse.

Phoenix wants reduced freight rates on cement.

Ajo—New Cornelia company preparing to work sulphide ore of property.

Paradise—Final surveys of Paradise-Verde irrigation project being made.

Florence—Sec. Payne orders immediate construction of \$500,000 diversion dam.

Phoenix—Arizona planning outdoor life for Boy Scouts during summer vacations.

Glendale completes installation of new 8-inch water mains.

Douglas—January ore shipments through local port show 14 per cent increase over December.

Scottsdale—Farmers State Bank formally opened to public.

Phoenix—Entire county road bond issues of Arizona show total of \$11,500,000.

Casa Grande—Plans completed for construction of \$2,000,000 tubercular sanitarium.

Tucson—150 men ballasting track of El Paso & SW Railroad to Cienega bridge.

Mesa—30 men to start paving operations on MacDonald and Robson streets.

Bowie—General business condition in San Simon and Gila valleys greatly increased.

Pearce—Regular ore shipments started by Commonwealth company.

Chandler—\$2,000,000 bond election to be held Feb. 19 for construction of irrigation district.

Tucson—Experiments for domestication of wild rubber plant under way at local plantation.

Douglas—Hazel Dawn, moving picture star, to purchase and develop local ranch.

Miami—Miami Copper Company installing improvements costing \$750,000.

Yuma—Arrival of oil rig in valley within sixty days announced.

Douglas—Copper companies investigating possibilities of railroad to Gulf of California.

HALL LUMBER CO. MAKES EXCELLENT SHOWING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hall Lumber company was concluded last Monday, and the plans of the company formulated for the coming year.

G. C. Hall was elected president, W. H. Chamberlain vice president and Charles Shew, of Winslow, secretary-treasurer.

The paid up capitalization of this corporation is \$30,000, and the stock is held by local citizens. A dividend of twenty-five per cent was declared, and after this is paid a substantial surplus remains.

This excellent showing in the face of a depressed market is the result of newspaper advertising coupled with that "go get the business" spirit of the management.

Two new yards were recently opened in Winslow, which were a success from the start—and negotiations have been completed with the mills

to stock both yards at the new prevailing prices—which means a big saving to prospective builders.

The big lumber mills of the northwest, which are the barometer of the lumber market, have just announced a drop of \$10 a thousand in dimension, \$25 a thousand in flooring and a 50 per cent reduction on shingles, which make a general reduction of from 25 to 55 per cent lower than the average 1920 figures.

These cuts will have their effect in all parts of the country, and tend to show that lumber and building material are in the front ranks of the necessary commodities that are rapidly returning to normal.

The outlook as forecast by the Hall Lumber company is exceedingly bright—and 1921 will bring a wonderful impetus to the campaign of home building that has seized the entire world.

SERVICES IN THE M. E. CHURCH

Frank R. Speck, Pastor
H. Perry Carter, Supt. Sunday School
Miss Vera Offill, Pres. Epworth League
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.

Preaching service, 11:00 A. M. Sermon: "Fishers of Men." Anthem, "Dear Lord, With us Abide." Solo, Miss Gard.

Epworth League, 7:00 P. M. Special music. A short talk by the Pastor.

At a meeting of the Epworth League Cabinet on last Sunday evening it was decided that the next social event would be a covered dish church supper. The committee is working out the details. The date and more complete notice will be given in next week's paper.

Fifty copies of the new Eastern cantata have arrived and rehearsals will begin at once.

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Notice to Whom it may Concern: Whereas, after due and legal notice and call for bids for the construction of sidewalks along the East side of Porter Street, from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue, the town council of the town of Holbrook at a special meeting held at the council chambers at Holbrook, Arizona, at the hour of 2:00 P. M., bids and proposals thereto submitted and filed with the town clerk were duly opened and considered.

And Whereas, it appears that the lowest and best bid for the construction of sidewalks according to plans and specifications on file with the town clerk was submitted by Frank W. Whitten, and

Whereas, it appears that the said Frank W. Whitten proposed to construct sidewalks according to said plans and specifications along the East side of Porter Street, from Central Avenue to Washington Avenue for the sum of \$694.00, which said bid was accompanied by good and sufficient bond for more than ten per centum of the aggregate proposal. Said town council of the town of Holbrook did in open session, open and examine said bid and after due consideration of the said town council of the town of Holbrook awarded the contract for said public improvements to the said Frank W. Whitten, he being the lowest responsible bidder at the price of \$694.00 said sum being the lowest sum bid and that said award was made by a unanimous vote by the said town council of the town of Holbrook, after motion duly made and seconded and noted in the minutes of the proceedings of said town council.

This notice is made, given and published in pursuance of paragraph 1960 of the revised statutes of the state of Arizona, and all persons desiring to object to the award of said contract shall within fifteen days of the first publication of this notice make and file such objection in writing with the town clerk of the town of Holbrook, Arizona.

Witness our hands this 17th day of February, A. D. 1921.
CHARLES P. COOLEY, Acting Mayor.
J. M. Patterson, Town Clerk.
L. F. McClanahan, Superintendent of Streets, Town of Holbrook, Arizona.

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